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# WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR WESTERN UNITED STATES

Including Columbia River Drainage in Canada



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### TO RECIPIENTS OF WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK REPORTS:

Most of the usable water in western states originates as mountain snowfall. This snowfall accumulates during the winter and spring, several months before the snow melts and appears as streamflow. Since the runoff from precipitation as snow is delayed, estimates of snowmelt runoff can be made well in advance of its occurrence. Streamflow forecasts published in this report are based principally on measurement of the water equivalent of the mountain snowpack.

Forecasts become more accurate as more of the data affecting runoff are measured. All forecasts assume that climatic factors during the remainder of the snow accumulation and melt season will interact with a resultant average effect on runoff. Early season forecasts are therefore subject to a greater change than those made on later dates.

The snow course measurement is obtained by sampling snow depth and water equivalent at surveyed and marked locations in mountain areas. A total of about ten samples are taken at each location. The average of these are reported as snow depth and water equivalent. These measurements are repeated in the same location near the same dates each year.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly from January 1 through June 1 in most states. There are about 1900 snow courses in Western United States and in the Columbia Basin in British Columbia. Networks of automatic snow water equivalent and related data sensing devices, along with radio telemetry are expanding and will provide a continuous record of snow water and other parameters at key locations.

Detailed data on snow course and soil moisture measurements are presented in state and local reports. Other data on reservoir storage, summaries of precipitation, current streamflow, and soil moisture conditions at valley elevations are also included. The report for Western United States presents a broad picture of water supply outlook conditions, including selected streamflow forecasts, summary of snow accumulation to date, and storage in larger reservoirs.

Snow survey and soil moisture data for the period of record are published by the Soil Conservation Service by states about every five years. Data for the current year is summarized in a West-wide basic data summary and published about October 1 of each year.

COVER PHOTO: SURVEYOR ENROUTE TO THE MT. BALDY ARIZONA SNOW COURSE

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The Soil Conservation Service publishes reports following the principal snow survey dates from January 1 through June 1 in cooperation with state water administrators, agricultural experiment stations and others. Copies of the reports for Western United States and all state reports may be obtained from Soil Conservation Service, West Technical Service Center, Room 111, 511 N.W. Broadway, Portland, Oregon 97209.

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Water Supply Outlook reports prepared by other agencies include a report for California by the Water Supply Forecast and Snow Surveys Unit, California Department of Water Resources, P. O. Box 388, Sacramento, California 95802 --- and for British Columbia by the Department of Lands, Forests and Water Resources, Water Resources, Service, Parliament Building, Victoria, British Columbia

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The Soil Conservation Service coordinates snow surveys conducted by its staff and many cooperators, including the Bureau of Reclamation, Corps of Engineers, Forest Service, National Park Service, NOAA, National Weather Service, Geological Survey, and other Federal Agencies, Departments of State Government, Irrigation Districts, Power Companies, and others.

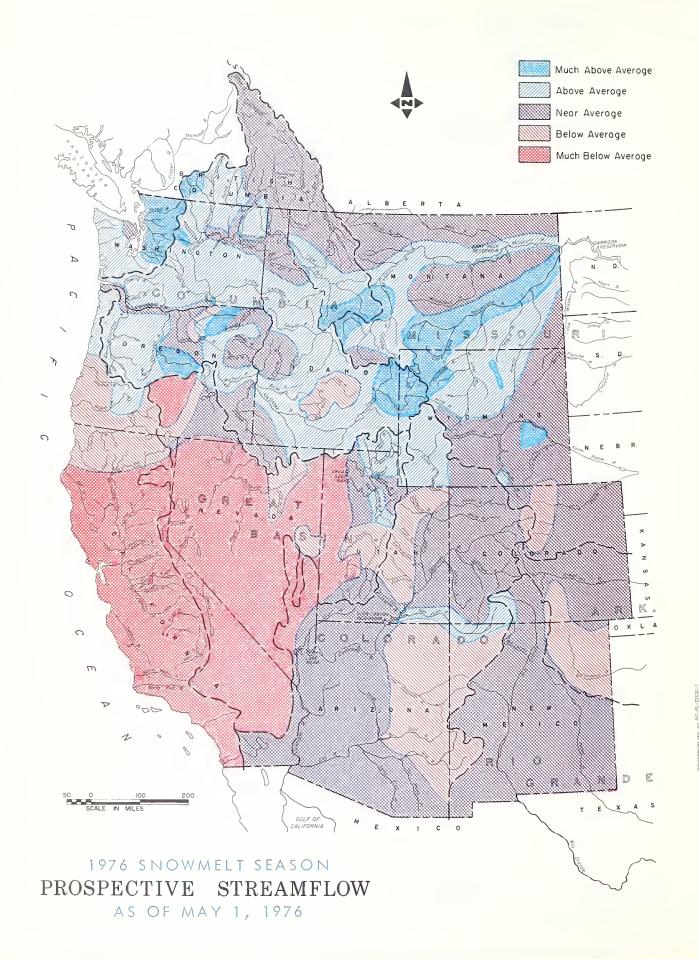
The Department of Water Resources coordinates snow surveys in California.

The Water Resources Service, Department of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources directs snow surveys in British Columbia.

This report was prepared by the Water Supply Forecasting Unit, Engineering Division, Soil Conservation Service, from data supplied by Snow Survey Supervisors of the Soil Conservation Service in the States of Alaska, Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

Data from California was supplied by the Chief, Water Supply Forecast and Snow Survey Unit, Department of Water Resources.

Data from British Columbia was supplied by the Chief, Hydrology Division, Water Investigations Branch, Department of Lands, Forests and Water Resources.



### WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

1976 SNOWMELT SEASON MAY 1, 1976

NEAR RECORD LOW FLOWS ARE EXPECTED FROM SIERRA NEVADA STREAMS IN BOTH NEVADA AND CALIFORNIA. EXCELLENT SUPPLIES ARE FORECAST FOR MUCH OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST AND NORTHERN ROCKIES.

Winter-long drought conditions have resulted in very poor snowpack conditions over the Sierra-Nevada mountain range. Irrigation water users should prepare for spring and summer river flows that will be as low as any on record. Minimum flows, as low as those experienced in the Central Valley of California in 1924, are expected this year.

There is sufficient reservoir water available to offset the lack of river supplies in much of the area. However, those irrigators in California and Nevada who are dependent on direct diversion from Sierra-Nevada rivers are facing an extremely dry year.

A much brighter outlook is reported from the Pacific Northwest and Northern Rocky Mountain regions. The snowpack over northwest Wyoming is nearly twice the usual level, and irrigation water prospects are excellent down the entire Yellowstone River. Conditions are also good to excellent over much of Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

A heavy mid-April storm over much of Arizona boosted runoff for the month to nearly twice the normal rate. The Gila, Verde, and lower Colorado will all deliver near average quantities for water users. However, the Little Colorado and Salt Rivers will yield from 10 to 25 percent less than their normal quantities. Reservoir storage in central Arizona remains near average except for San Carlos, which contains only one-third of its normal amount.

Snowmelt runoff is forecast to be near to slightly below normal over much of Colorado, Utah and southern Wyoming. Some areas of short supply can be expected in southern Utah and along the smaller tributaries of the Rio Grande River in New Mexico.

Reservoir storage is adequate to excellent. The supplemental irrigation

supplies now impounded and available for release to downstream users will help ease the forecast shortages in several regions. Best carryover storage conditions are found in the Columbia River Basin as well as along the Missouri and Platte drainages. The poorest conditions prevail in the Arkansas watershed in Colorado. Some mid and late season shortages should be expected in the Arkansas valley due to the expected river discharge of 10 percent below normal and the lack of reservoir water.

Spring "breakup" came to the interior of Alaska about 10 days ahead of normal, as a result of dry warm weather in April. Along the panhandle of southeast Alaska one of the heaviest snowpacks in recent years was observed by survey crews on May 1.

### MISSOURI BASIN

The outlook for irrigation water remains good to excellent throughout the entire basin. The snowpack continues to be very heavy on some watersheds. It is at least normal over most of the rest of the basin except for some northern Colorado tributaries. Reservoir storage continues to be excellent basin-wide and April rainfall improved valley soil moisture conditions in eastern Colorado.

The snowpack in northern Wyoming and along the continental divide in Montana was increased by a heavy late April storm.

Some low elevation areas had begun to melt by May 1. The pack was still accumulating at higher zones, however.

Above normal snowpacks are found in Montana on the Big Hole, Boulder, and Jefferson watersheds. Heavy accumulations also persist on northern Wyoming drainages. Snow conditions are near average over most of the North and South Platte drainages, except for an area of deficient accumulation in northern Colorado. Boulder and Clear Creeks and the St. Vrain River all continue to be short of snow.

### SUMMARY OF SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT MEASUREMENTS

MAJOR BASIN AND	WATER EQ IN PERC		MAJOR BASIN AND	WATER EQUIVALENT IN PERCENT OF:	
SUB - WATERSHED	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE	SUB — WATERSHED	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
MISSOURI BASIN			SNAKE BASIN		
Jefferson Madison	92 95	130 128	Snake above Jackson, Wyo. Snake above Hiese. Idaho	118	141
Gallatin	95	114	Snake abv. American Falls Res		130
Missouri Main Stem	87	120	Henry's Fork	91	122
Yellowstone Shoshone	105 98	125 170	Southern IdahoTributaries Big and Little Wood	78 70	130 103
Wind	91	113	Boise	79 79	112
North Platte South Platte	91 62	102 88	Owyhee Payette	5 77	95
South Flatte	02	00	Malheur	35	103 100
ARKANSAS BASIN			Weiser		-
Arkansas	49	79	Burnt Powder	45 70	105 115
Cucharas-Purgatoire	5	16	Salmon	81	107
	· ·		Grande Ronde Clearwater	78 93	114   102
RIO GRANDE BASIN			Clearwater	93	102
Rio Grande (Colo.) Rio Grande abv.Otowi Bridge	59	126	LOWER COLUMBIA BASIN		
Pecos	-	_	Yakima	86	135
·			Umatilla	-	185
COLORADO BASIN			John Day Deschutes - Crooked	40 - 80	115 135
Green (Wyo.)	90	114	Hood	100	170
Yampa - White Duchesne	62 53	89 98	Willamette Lewis	95 116	150 172
Price	76	7.6	Cowlitz	99	115
Upper Colorado	68	76			
Gunnison San Juan	55 70	93 127	PACIFIC COASTAL BASIN		
Dolores	28	80	Puget Sound	105	126
Virgin	74	117	Olympic Peninsula	119	126
Gila Salt	_	-	Umpqua - Rogue Klamath	75 55	160 130
			Trinity	50	80
GREAT BASIN			CALIFORNIA		
Bear	81	116	CENTRAL VALLEY		
Logan Ogden	76 56	113 107	Upper Sacramento	45	75
Weber	62	97	Feather	20	30
Provo - Utah Lake Jordan	45 58	92 101	Yuba American	20 15	35 25
Sevier	50 52	93	Mokelumne	25	40
Walker - Carson	14	21	Stanislaus	20	30
Tahoe - Truckee Humboldt	19 41	31 116	Tuolumne Merced	20 20	30 30
Lake Co. (Oregon)	20	60	San Joaquin	15	20
Harney Basin (Oregon)	30	120	Kings	20 20	25 25
			Kaweah Tule	-	0
UPPER COLUMBIA BASIN	305	,,,	Kern	10	10
Columbia (Canada) Kootenai	105 84	117 105			
Clark Fork	87	116	Data for California Watershed		
Bitterroot	92	120	of Water Resources, and for I Watersheds by Dept. of Land	s, Forests and	1
Flathead Spokane	84 93	99 97	Water Resources.  Average is for 1958-72 perio	d. California	av-
Okanogan	82	113	erages are for the period 193 Selected Snow Courses deter	I - 70. Based mined by Dist	on ri —
Methow Chelan	52 120	71 136	bution within the Basin, Len Repetitive Monthly Measurem	gth of Record	and
Wenatchee	91	212			

Streamflow forecasts indicate that some Montana and Wyoming rivers will yield at rates well above normal, while the northern Colorado tributaries will be under the 15-year average.

The Big Hole River is forecast to discharge about 40 percent more than its normal flows. The mainstem of the Missouri, the Yellowstone, Bighorn, and several smaller Wyoming tributaries are all expected to exceed 130 percent of their average amounts.

Along the North Platte in central Wyoming, Deer Creek and adjoining streams will flow as much as twice their norm during the snowmelt period. The mainstem of the North Platte is forecast to yield 108 percent of its average, with the Encampment and Laramie Rivers in that same category.

South Platte River tributaries in northern Colorado are forecast to contribute from 10 to 30 percent less than normal during the snowmelt runoff period. Clear Creek is expected to yield 70 percent of its usual amount. The Big Thompson and St. Vrain will add 80 percent of their normal and the Cache La Poudre, 90 percent.

Reservoir storage in the South Platte Basin is good and will offset most of the snowmelt runoff deficiencies. Impoundments in Wyoming and Montana are also excellent, with many reservoirs holding much above average amounts.

### ARKANSAS BASIN

The combined effects of warm temperatures and few snow storms have resulted in lowered forecasts of snowmelt runoff in the Arkansas basin. The water supply outlook has been revised downward accordingly.

Low and mid elevation snowmelt began earlier than normal so the remaining snow-pack is below the May 1 average. The mainstem of the Arkansas has about 20 percent less snow than normal. The Cucharas and Purgatoire watersheds have lost most of their snow, however. Only about 15 percent of the usual May 1 amount remains

Streamflow is expected to fall about 10 percent short of normal in the Arkansas River at Salida. The Cucharas and Purgatoire Rivers are now forecast to yield 20 percent below average.

Reservoir storage is still much below normal, and there will not be much supplemental water available. John Martin reservoir now has no irrigation water stored, while Conchas contains only half its normal supply. Users will be almost completely dependent upon direct flows from the rivers for their water supply.

### RIO GRANDE BASIN

Prospects for irrigation water in the Rio Grande Basin remain very near the 15-year average. Users diverting from the mainstem of the Rio Grande should receive normal quantities. However, some tributaries in New Mexico will yield amounts below their 15-year average.

The snowpack on the headwaters in Colorado is about 25 percent heavier than the May I normal. Cool weather during April retarded snowmelt. All streams should yield above average quantities during the coming summer. The Rio Grande is forecast to flow at 112 percent of normal and the Conejos at 109 percent.

Downstream in New Mexico the snowpack is rapidly melting. Small tributaries to the Rio Grande will fall from 10 to 20 percent short of their long term averages. Water supplies may be insufficient to meet demand in these regions. The Rio Grande will provide near average amounts, due mostly to the heavy snowpack upstream in Colorado.

Reservoir storage is generally much above normal. Elephant Butte contains 50 percent more than its usual on May 1. El Vado is also well above normal. These impoundments will provide excellent supplemental water to New Mexico water users.

### COLORADO BASIN

Irrigation water supplies should be near the average of the past 15 years throughout most of the Colorado River Basin. Water users along some streams in Utah may face some late summer shortages. The Green River watershed in Wyoming remains covered with a heavy snowpack, and runoff from that area will be well above the norm.

An unseasonably heavy storm in mid-April increased runoff greatly in Arizona. The Verde and Tonto watersheds received as much as three inches of water at higher elevations. Above normal rainfall occurred on the Salt and Gila drainages as well. The storm will raise the spring runoff from the Verde and Tonto up to the "normal" category. However, the Little Colorado, Salt and Gila are still expected to yield short of their 15-year average amounts.

Reservoir storage remains near the normal mark in central Arizona, except for San Carlos which contains only one-third of

### SELECTED STREAMFLOW FORECASTS MAY 1, 1976

STREAM AND STATION	FORECASTS		Forecast Period	Last Year's Flow In	
	Flow In (1,000 A.F.)	Percent of Average	i orecast Period	Flow In (1,000 A.F.)	
SAS KATCHEWAN					
St. Mary near Babb, Montana <u>1</u> /	475	102	May-Sept.		
UPPER MISSOURĪ			,		
Beaverhead near Grant, Montana 2/	107	101	May-Sept.	276	
Big Hole near Melrose, Montana	950	143	May-Sept.		
Jefferson at Silver Star, Montana	-	-			
Madison near Grayling, Montana 3/	535	126	May-Sept.	477	
Gallatin near Gateway, Montana — Sun at Gibson Dam, Montana 4/	620	122	May-Sept.	010	
Belt near Monarch, Montana	600 135	108 117	May-Sept.	812	
Marias near Shelby, Montana 5/	520	107	May-Sept.	1 100	
Missouri near Landusky, Montara 6/	5,200	125	May-Sept. May-Sept.	1,123	
near Williston, North Dakota 7/	13,500	130	May-Sept.		
S. Fk. Musselshell above Martinsdale, Montana	48	108	May-Sept.		
Milk at Eastern Crossing, Montana	535	126	May-Sept.	477	
Yellowstone at Yellowstone Lake Outlet, Wyo.	1,060	129	April-Sept.	844	
at Corwin Springs, Montana	2,550	133	May-Sept.	2,096	
at Miles City, Montana <u>8</u> /	7,700	130	May-Sept.	,,,,,,,	
Clarks Fork near Belfry, Montana	750	128	May-Sept.		
Shoshone below Buffalo Bill Res., Wyo. 9/	1,100	133	April-Sept.	917	
Vind near Dubois, Wyoming	138	135	April-Sept.	126	
at Riverton, Wyoming 10/	250	128	April-Sept.	731 ·	
below Boysen Res., Wyoming 11/	1,200	119	April-Sept.	1,206	
Bull Lake Creek near Lenore, Wyoming	196	108	April-Sept.	188	
ittle Popo Agie near Lander, Wyoming	49	103	April-Sept.	56	
Tensleep near Tensleep, Wyoming . Medicine Lodge near Hyattville, Wyoming	89	113	April-Sept.		
Shell Creek near Shell, Wyoming	28 95	132	April-Sept.	00	
Big Horn near St. Xavier, Montana 8/	2,350	130 136	April-Sept.	93	
Tongue near Dayton, Wyoming	140	124	May-Sept. April-Sept.	2,366 172	
No. Fork Powder near Hazelton, Wyoming	140	140	April-Sept.	172	
PLATTE	14	140	April-Sept.	15	
North Platte near Sinclair, Wyoming	700	108	April-Sept.	789	
Encampment near Encampment, Wyoming	160	113	April-Sept.	191	
Deer Creek at Glenrock, Wyoming	48	182	March-July	44	
aramie Riv. & Pioneer Canal, nr Woods, Wyo.12	140	110	April-Sept.	124	
Big Thompson at Drake, Colorado 13/	88	82	April-Sept.		
Clear at Golden, Colorado <u>14</u> /	90	71	April-Sept.		
t. Vrain at Lyons, Colorado <u>15</u> /	60	80	April-Sept.		
Cache LaPoudre near Fort Collins, Colorado <u>16</u> /	220	89	April-Sept.		
ARKANSAS					
rkansas at Salida, Colorado <u>17</u> /	280	90	April-Sept.		
Cucharas near LaVeta, Colorado	8	80	Arril-Sept.		
Purgatoire at Trinidad, Colorado	30	80	April-Sept.		
RIO GRANDE					
Rio Grande near Del Norte, Colorado 18/	525	112	April-Sept.		
at Otowi Bridge, New Mexico 19/	600	114	April-Sept.		
Conejos near Mogote, Colorado 20/	200	109	April-Sept.		
I Vado Res., Inflow, New Mexico	200	105	April-Sept.		
Pecos at Pecos, New Mexico	35	85	April-Sept.		
UPPER COLORADO					
Colorado, Grandby Res. Inflow, Colorado 21/	200	88	April-Sept.		
near Dotsero, Colorado 22/	1,300	91	April-Sept.		
near Cameo, Colorado 23/	2,200	93	April-Sept.		
near Cisco, Utah 24/	2,886	102	April-July	3,785	
Lake Powell Inflow, Arizona 25/	6,936	101	April-July		
Roaring Fork at Glenwood Springs, Colorado 26/	710	100	April-Sept.		
Jncompangre at Colona, Colorado —	140	104	April-Sept.		
Gunnison, Blue Mesa Res. Inflow, Colorado 27/	800	101	April-Sept. April-Sept. April-Sept.		
near Grand Junction, Colorado 287 Dolores at Dolores, Colorado	1,190 250	188	l ∀bil1-≶ebi∙		

Forecasts in California provided by Department of Water Resources.

Average is for 1958-72 period except California. California is computed for 1921-70 period.

Forecasts assume average Effective Climate Conditions from Date Through Snow Melt Season.

Explanatory Notes on Forecasts listed on Inside Back Cover.

STREAM AND STATION	FORECASTS		Forecast Period	Last Year's
STREAM STATIO	Flow In (1,000 A.F.)	Percent of Average	i orecast Ferrod	Flow In (1,000 A.F.)
UPPER COLORADO (continued)				
Green at Warren Bridge, Wyoming	395	121	April-Sept.	335
at Green River, Wyoming 29/	1,290	130	April-Sept.	1,167
Flaming Gorge Res. Inflow, Utah 27/	1,445	123	April-July	1,107
at Green River, Utah 30/	2,742	97	April-July	3,823
sig Sandy near Big Sandy, Wyoming	63	1111	April-Sept.	72
ampa at Steamboat Springs, Colorado	230	84	April-Sept.	-
near Maybell, Colorado	770	85	April-Sept.	_
ittle Snake near Dixon, Wyoming	295	98	April-Sept.	••
White near Meeker, Colorado	295	100	April-Sept.	_
trawberry at Duchesne, Utah 40/	41	89	May-July	59
Ouchesne near Tabiona, Utah 31/	75	80	May-July	-
at Randlett, Utah 40/	160	80	May-July	tro .
akefork below Moon Lake, Utah 32/	58	88	May-July	80
linta near Neola, Utah	66	80	May-July	96
hiterocks near Whiterocks, Utah	43	77	May-July	78
rice, Scofield Res. Inflow, Utah 33/	28	96	May-July	-
ottonwood near Orangeville, Utah 34/	. 29	67	May-July	
an Juan, Navajo Res. Inflow, New Mexico 27/	680	114	April-July	_
near Bluff, Utah 35/	983	115	April-July	_
nimas at Durango, Colorado	450	106	April-Sury	-
LOWER COLORADO	450	100	April-Sept.	_
	26	93	Mar. Juna	34
irgin near Virgin, Utah	20	93	May-June	. 34
ittle Colorado above Lyman, Arizona	_	_		_
ila near Solomon, Arizona	_	_		-
risco at Clifton, Arizona	_	-		-
alt at Intake, Arizona	_	-		-
onto above Roosevelt, Arizona	-	-		-
erde above Horseshoe Dam, Arizona	-	-		_
GREAT BASIN				- 0 -
ear at Utah-Wyo. State Line	116	109	May-July	137
at Harer, Idaho	287	121	May-July	_
nith's Fork near Border, Wyoming	126	109	April-Sept.	134
homas Fork near WyoIda. State Line	37	115	April-Sept.	42
ogan near Logan, Utah <u>36</u> /	118	120	May-July	132
gden, Pine View Res. Inflow, Utah <u>27</u> /	90	141	May-June	154
eber near Oakley, Utah	87	96	May-June	100
ovo near Hailstone, Utah <u>3</u> 7/	83	92	May-July	146
crawberry Res. Inflow, Utah	30	86	May-July	77
ah Lake Net Inflow, Utah	150	105	May-July	-
ig Cottonwood near Salt Lake City, Utah	34	110	May-July	-
eaver near Beaver, Utah	10	56	May-July	17
vier near Hatch, Utah	32	94	May-July	32
near Gunnison, Utah	22	79	May-July	45
o. Fork Humboldt near Elko, Nevada	40	70	May-July	_
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STREAM AND STATION	FORECASTS T		Forecast Period	Łast Year's Flow In	
	(1,000 A.F.)	Percent of Average	, orceast i eriod	(1,000 A.F.)	
UPPER COLUMBIA (continued)					
Columbia below Rock Island, Washington	75,400	111	May-Sept.	69,286	
Cootenai below Libby Dam nr Libby, Montana	7,200	103			
			May-Sept.	6,127	
at Leonia, Idaho	8,500	103	May-Sept.	7,691	
Blackfoot near Bonner, Montana	1,170	129	May-Sept.	1,317	
51.Fk. Flathead nr Columbia Falls, Montana <u>40</u> /	2,180	103	May-Sept.	2,445	
Tathead at Columbia Falls, Montana 40/	6,000	104	May-Sept.	6,630	
near Polson, Montana <u>40</u> /	7,000	102	May-Sept.	7,645	
Clark Fork above Missoula, Montana	2,090	132	May-Sept.	2,597	
near Plains, Montana <u>40</u> /	12,300	110	May-Sept.	13,594	
at Whitehorse Rapids, Idaho	13,600	110	May-Sept.	-	
Bitterroot near Darby, Montana	700	132	May-Sept.	712	
riest near Priest River, Idaho 41/	65	95	May-July	-	
end Oreille below Box Canyon, Washington	15,100	110	May-Sept.	16,545	
Cettle near Laurier, Washington	1,900	118	May-Sept.	1,747	
pokane at Post Falls, Idaho 42/	2,160	106	May-Sept.	_	
imilkameen near Nighthawk, Washington	1,938	136	May-Sept.	1,398	
Okanogan near Tonasket, Washington	2,050	127	May-Sept.	1,464	
lethow near Pateros, Washington	1,170	124	May-Sept.	-	
tehekin at Stehekin, Washington	1,050	127	May-Sept.	_	
Chelan at Chelan, Washington 43/	1,470	129	May-Sept.	1,295	
lenatchee at Peshastin, Washington	2,200	139	1 " . '	1,295	
SNAKE	۷,200	139	May-Sept.	1,005	
nake above Palisades Res., Wyoming 44/	3,480	133	Annil Cont	2,834	
		128	April-Sept.	2,034	
near Heise, Idaho 45/	4,900		May-Sept.	-	
near Blackfoot, Idaho <u>46</u> /	5,180	136	May-July	-	
at Weiser, Idaho	6,040	119	May-Sept.		
rey's above Palisade, Wyoming	496	128	April-Sept.	424	
alt above Palisade, Wyoming	437	120	April-Sept.	524	
enry's Fork near Ashton, Idaho <u>47</u> /	735	129	May-Sept.	-	
eton near St. Anthony, Idaho	550	138	May-Sept.	-	
ig Lost near Mackay, Idaho 48/	135	80	May-Sept.	_	
ittle Lost near Howe, Idaho	33	93	May-Sept.	_	
ortneuf at Topaz, Idaho	80	121	May-Sept.	_	
akley Res. Inflow, Idaho	23	125	May-Sept.	_	
almon Falls Creek nr San Jacinto, Idaho	70	130	May-Sept.	_	
ittle Wood above High 5 Crks, Idaho	60	82	May-Sept.	_	
ig Wood, Inflow to Magic Res., Idaho 49/	185	89	May-Sept.	_	
	200	123		_	
runeau near Hot Springs, Idaho			May-Sept.	-	
oise near Boise, Idaho <u>50</u> /	1,400	110	May-Sept.	-	
wyhee near Owyhee, Nevada 51/	41	100	May-July	-	
Owyhee Res. Net Inflow, Oregon <u>27/</u>	170	108	May-July	636	
alheur near Drewsey, Oregon	37	115	May-July	-	
ayette near Horseshoe Bend, Idaho <u>52</u> /	1,750	114	May-Sept.	-	
eiser above Crane Creek, Iqaho <u>40</u> /	285	104	May-Sept.	-	
urnt near Hereford, Oregon <u>40</u> /	15	100	May-July	-	
owder near Sumpter, Oregon	37	92	May-July	-	
agle above Skull Creek, Oregon	158	104	May-July	-	
mnaha at Imnaha, Oregon	246	97	May-Sept.	-	
almon at Whitebird, Idaho	7,000	.111	May-Sept.	-	
ostine near Lostine, Oregon	130	111	May-Sept.	_	
rande Ronde at LaGrande, Oregon	95	103	May-July	_	
learwater at Spalding, Idaho	7,930	115	May-Sept.	_	
LOWER COLUMBIA	7,930	113	May - Sept.	_	
akima at Cleelum, Washington 53/	900	113	May-Sept.	1,020	
akima at treerum, washington bo/				1,020	
	1,700	128	May-Sept.	050	
near Parker, Washington <u>54</u> /		124	May-Sept.	959	
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Forecasts in California provided by Department of Water Resources.

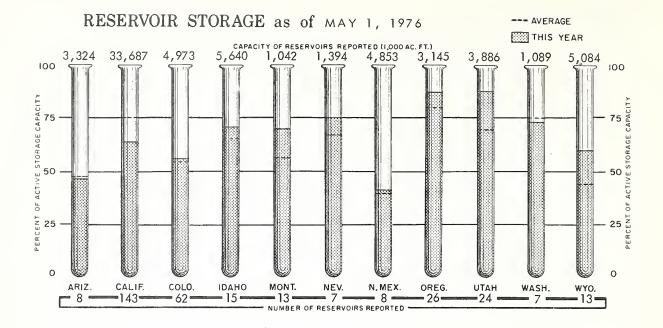
Average is for 1958-72 period except California. California is computed for 1921-70 period.

Forecasts assume average Effective Climate Conditions from Date Through Snow Melt Season.

Explanatory Notes on Forecasts listed on Inside Back Cover.

### SELECTED STREAMFLOW FORECASTS MAY 1, 1976

CTDC AND AND STATION	FORECASTS	THIS YEAR	5	Last Year's	
STREAM AND STATION	Flow In (1,000 A.F.)	Percent of Average	Forecast Period	Flow In (1,000 A.F.)	
LOWER COLUMBIA (continued)  Crooked near Post, Oregon Deschutes at Benham Falls, Oregon 40/ Columbia at The Dalles, Oregon 40/ McKenzie near Vida, Oregon Santiam, South, at Waterloo, Oregon North, at Mehama, Oregon 40/ Clackamas at Estacada, Oregon Willamette at Salem, Oregon 40/ Lewis at Ariel, Washington 56/ Cowlitz at Castle Rock, Washington 57/ NORTH PACIFIC COASTAL Dungeness near Sequim, Washington Umpqua, No., near Toketee Falls, Oregon 40/ Rogue at Raygold, Oregon Klamath Lake, Net Inflow, Oregon Trinity at Lewiston, California CALIFORNIA CENTRAL VALLEY 40/ Sacramento, Inflow to Shasta, California Feather near Oroville, California	38 307 66,700 83,000 99,800 400 640 492 3,382 1,110 2,330 160 154 542 328 430 1,370 610 245	Percent of Average  115 109 111 108 109 120 124 130 110 129 119 111 109 111 110 93 70 77 33 23	May-July May-July May-July May-July May-July May-Sept. May-July May-Sept. May-Sept. May-Sept. May-Sept. May-Sept. May-Sept. April-July April-July April-July	62,891 84,141 98,825 477 2,318 767 529 895 2,369 2,634 1,378	
American, Inflow to Folsom Res., California Cosumnes at Michigan Bar, California Mokelumne, Inflow to Pardee Res., California Stanislaus, Inflow to Melones Res., California Tuolumne, Inflow to Don Pedro Res., California Merced, Inflow to Excheque Res., California San Joaquin, Inflow to Millerton Lake, Calif. Kings, Inflow to Pine Flat Res., California Kaweah, Inflow to Terminus Res., California Tule, Inflow to Success Res., California Kern, Inflow to Isabella Res., California	245 20 120 140 345 170 335 375 80 12	19 15 26 20 28 28 28 32 30 20 26	April-July	1,648 191 605 932 1,490 817 1,413 1,266 296 67 368	
ALASKA Yukon at Eagle, Alaska at Ruby, Alaska Porcupine near Fort Yukon, Alaska Salcha near Salchaket, Alaska Little Chena near Fairbanks, Alaska Chena at Fairbanks, Alaska Ship Creek near Anchorage, Alaska So.Fk.Campbell at Canyon Mouth nr Anchorage, AK	27,500 51,000 5,500 480 60 360 62 15	80 76 77 60 64 64 105 111	April-July April-July April-July April-July April-July April-July April-July April-July	44,523 66,991 706 76 505 58 14	



its average, and Lake Pleasant which holds three-fourths its May 1 normal.

Upstream in Utah the streamflow forecasts indicate that supplies will be fair to good along most Colorado tributaries.

Cottonwood Creek is expected to yield 67 percent of its average. Most other streams draining into the Green-Colorado will flow at from 80 to 90 percent of normal. Among the streams included in this category are the Uinta, Lakefork, Duchesne and Strawberry.

The Green River is forecast to discharge 23 percent more than normal into Flaming Gorge reservoir, but is expected to flow at a rate near its average at Green River, Utah. The Yampa will contribute about 85 percent of its usual amount, while snowmelt runoff from the White River will be near the 15-year normal.

The mainstem of the Colorado is predicted to fall about 9 percent short of its average flow at Dotsero and 7 percent short at Cameo, Colorado. Downstream at Cisco, Utah it is forecast to flow at 102 percent of normal. Its yield into Lake Powell is anticipated to be within about 1 percent of average.

Reservoir storage is excellent. Both Flaming Gorge and Lake Powell currently hold more than twice their normal amount for this date, while Lake Mead is 19 percent above its normal mark. The Salt River project reservoirs are slightly more full than normal, while the Verde River reservoirs are 6 percent short of their May 1 average. San Carlos is the major exception to the bright reservoir picture. It is much below normal,

currently impounding but 35 percent of its average.

### GREAT BASIN

A wide range of conditions are found within the Great Basin. Water supplies are expected to be critically short in much of Nevada, while excellent supplies are predicted for some portions of Utah. Most reservoirs still contain normal or above quantities, however, and will help ease the expected shortages in some localities.

Streamflow will be very low from all streams heading in the Sierra Nevada. The latest snow surveys indicate that this mountain range currently has one of the lightest snowpacks on record. On the Walker River the pack currently is only 10 percent of the normal buildup. The Truckee watershed has but one-third of its usual snowpack. If the dry weather pattern continues the river flows will probably be as low as those experienced in 1924 and 1934.

To the east the upper Humboldt and Snake watersheds have snowpacks more near the May I normal accumulations. Streamflow forecasts indicate the Snake will yield slightly more than its average. The upper Humboldt will flow at about 88 percent of normal, while the discharge from the lower reaches of the river will be about one-half of average.

Most Nevada reservoirs are holding near average quantities. Water users who receive supplemental stored water may not be so severely impacted by the lack of river runoff. Lake Tahoe stands at 98

### STORAGE IN LARGE RESERVOIRS

BASIN AND NAME OF RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (1,000 A.F.)	STORAGE (1,000 A.F.)	STORAGE PERCENT AVERAGE	BASIN AND NAME OF RESERVOIR	CAPACITY (1,000 A.F.)	STORAGE (1,000 A.F.)	STORAGE: PERCENT AVERACE
UPPER MISSOURI Belle Fourche Boysen Buffalo Bill Canyon Ferry Fort Peck Garrison Hebgen Keyhole Lake Francis Case Lake Sharp Oahe Tiber Bighorn Lake	185 550 373 2,043 19,140 24,790 377 192 5,816 1,900 23,630 1,347 1,356	136 156 125 1,449 17,440 19,939 196 131 3,908 1,703 19,002 546 771	103 84 104 93 129 136 92 160 94 99 113 89 98	UPPER COLUMBIA Chelan Coeur d'Alene Duncan Flathead Hungry Horse Kootenay Lake Koocanusa Lower Arrow Noxon Rapids Pend Oreille Roosevelt Upper Arrow	676 225 1,400 1,791 3,428 787 5,694 2,691 335 1,155 5,232 4,400	367 237 165 1,067 2,031 306 1,359 947 262 467 659 1,267	163 97 222 109 101 97 1,100 190 87 40 328
PLATTE So. Platte in Colo(28 City of Denver (7) Colo-Big Thompson (3) Glendo Pathfinder Seminoe	622	844 455 507 499 880 575	101 99 118 110 214 183	Cougar Detroit Green Peter Hills Creek Lookout Point Prineville Wickiup Yakima Res. (5)	155 300 270 200 337 153 200 1,066	132 221 217 153 226 153 200 -	121 88 109 97 88 105 106 97
ARKANSAS Conchas John Martin Turquoise	273 354 -	. 81 0 -	46 - -	SNAKE American Falls Anderson Ranch Arrowrock	1,125 423 287	1,177 325 1 <u>9</u> 7	108 115 85
RIO GRANDE Elephant Butte New Mexico Res. (4) UPPER COLORADO	2,195 578	576 225	152 183	Brownlee Cascade Dworshak Jackson Lucky Peak Owyhee	980 653 2,016 847 278 715	552 354 240 500 171 694	160 100 69 100 120 123
Blue Mesa Flaming Gorge Navajo Powell Starvation	830 3,749 1,696 25,002	431 3,351 1,122 19,664	140 206 - 235	Palisades Warm Springs PACIFIC COASTAL Clair Eagle	1,200	1,956	124 87
LOWER COLORADO  Havasu Mead	619 26,159	594 20,102	100 119	Clear Lake Nacimiento Ross Upper Klamath	440 350 1,404 584	300 180 743 468	113 79 99 90
Mohave Salt River Res. (4) San Carlos Verde River Res. (2) GREAT BASIN	1,810 1,755 1,093 318	1,642 1,222 68 155	97 104 35 94	CALIFORNIA CENTRAL VALLEY Almanor Berryessa Bullards Bar	1,308 1,602 961	582 1,278 388	69 81 56
Bear Deer Creek Lahontan Rye Patch Sevier Bridge Strawberry Tahoe Utah Willard Bay	1,421 150 291 157 236 270 732 884 193	1,137 104 221 163 188 258 471 948 172	109 101 101 152 165 199 98 142 106	Folsom Isabella McClure Millerton Omoville Pine Flat Shasta	1,010 570 1,026 521 3,538 1,002 4,552	636 156 575 381 2,752 547 3,014	86 75 88 105 90 82 69

Reservoir Storage Data Provided by Bureau of Reclamation, Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey and water using organizations. Data from California and British Columbia provided by Department of Water Resources and Department of Lands, Forests and Water Resources, respectively.

percent of average. The quantities in Lahontan, Topaz and Bridgport range from 100 to 117 percent of normal. Rye Patch and Wild Horse reservoirs are near capacity.

The drought conditions in Nevada extend into portions of Oregon as well. The Chewaucan River is forecast to discharge at a rate 40 percent below the 15-year average. Conditions on the Donner und Biltzen and Silvies watersheds are more nearly normal, and forecasts call for 6 and 15 percent above average flows, respectively, from these streams.

The Utah portion of the basin also is highly variable. Much above normal irrigation water supplies are expected from the Ogden River, while above average yields are predicted from the Bear and Logan drainages.

Further south the outlook along the lower Beaver is poor with about one-half the normal streamflow expected. Water supplies are also anticipated to be well below normal from the upper Beaver and lower Sevier.

Reservoir storage is good to excellent in this region. Sevier Bridge currently holds 65 percent more than its average, and Strawberry has about double its usual quantity. Utah Lake is holding 42 percent more than its May 1 norm. Direct flow shortages will be offset, at least in part, by these suppplemental reservoir supplies.

### COLUMBIA BASIN

Water supplies are anticipated to be normal to better than average throughout nearly all of the Columbia River Basin. Some rivers heading in the Washington and Oregon Cascades will flow at much above normal rates. Similarly large volumes are expected from the upper Snake River in Wyoming. About the only area of sub-normal snowmelt runoff is in central Idaho.

The British Columbia Department of Lands, Forest and Water Resources reports that on the headwaters of the Columbia the snowpack remains from 10 to 17 percent above normal. Runoff is forecast to be 9 percent above the 15-year average at the Canadian border.

Some tributaries heading in Montana received a very heavy snowfall late in April. The winter-long accumulation is above normal on the Clark Fork and Bit-

terroot, and near average on the Flathead and Kootenai.

High flows can be expected from the Bitterroot and upper Clark Fork, and stream channel degradation should be expected. Near average yields are forecast from the lower reaches of these rivers as well as the Flathead, Kootenai and Blackfoot.

In Washington several drainages flowing into the Columbia from the Cascades have very heavy snowpacks. Runoff is forecast to be well above normal from the Wenatchee, Chelan, Similkameen, and most other rivers in the region.

The Snake River portion of the basin is forecast to contribute above normal snowmelt runoff. The snowpack in Wyoming on the headwaters of the Snake is about twice the May I normal. This is due to a combination of cool temperatures which have slowed melt, and added snowfall during April. Inflow from the Snake into Palisades reservoir is forecast to be one-third higher than average. Most southern Idaho tributaries are expected to contribute 20 to 25 percent above normal flows to the Snake.

The Big Wood-Big Lost Rivers area of central Idaho remain about the only drainages with sub-normal snowpacks and streamflow forecasts below average. Streams in this vicinity are predicted to yield from 10 to 20 percent less than their average.

Most western and northern Idaho rivers are forecast to flow at rates from 5 to 15 percent above their 15-year averages.

Eastern and northern Oregon rivers are also expected to yield snowmelt runoff of from 5 to 15 percent above average. The major exception is the Umatilla at Pendleton which is now forecast to discharge 25 percent more than its norm.

Lower Columbia tributary rivers flowing from the Oregon and southern Washington Cascades will contribute above normal flows. The Cowlitz and Lewis Rivers are predicted to yield 11 to 19 percent above normal flows. The Willamette and North Santiam in Oregon are expected to be nearer 30 percent above normal.

Reservoir storage throughout the basin is excellent. Nearly all are full or expected to fill during the snowmelt runoff season. Many have been drawn down in anticipation of the above normal runoff.

### CALIFORNIA

The California Department of Water Resources, coordinating agency for snow surveys and water supply forecasting in California, reports that the state is experiencing a dry year that will be among the lowest of record. Rainfall amounts and mountain snowpack are well below normal, especially in central California. New record low runoff amounts for the April through July period are expected on the American, Mokelumne, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Merced Rivers.

Forecasts of April through July runoff range from a low of only 15 percent of normal on the Cosumnes River to a high of 75 percent for the inflow to Shasta Lake. Almost all streams south of the Feather River are forecasted to produce about one-third normal runoff for the April through July period.

Snowpack throughout the state is well below normal and in the Sierra watersheds are expected to complete the melting cycle in the next few weeks. May 1 snow surveys show that 68 of the 222 snow courses measured this month are already bare. Snow water content is only 40 percent of normal in the Sacramento Valley area and 25 percent of normal in the San Joaquin Valley area. NASA supplied satellite imagery indicates the effective snow line on May 1 averaged 8,300 feet (2 530 m), and that snowcovered area in the San Joaquin, Kings, Kaweah, Tule, and Kern River Basins was 2,000 square miles (5 200 km²) this year compared to 3,650 square miles (9 500 km<sup>2</sup>) of snowcovered area on May 1 last year.

Precipitation during April was above average at scattered locations throughout the state such as the west side of the Sacramento Valley, portions of the North Coast, the San Joaquin Valley floor, and the interior desert areas of southern California. The remainder of the state was below normal for the month. Water year precipitation, October 1 to date, has been far below normal throughout the state, except for the desert areas. In the Central Valley, precipitation has averaged about 50 percent of normal for the sevenmonth period.

Runoff during April was about 45 percent of normal, ranging from less than 10 percent of normal in San Francisco Bay Area streams to a high of 60 percent of normal for the North Coastal streams. In the Central Valley, runoff was 38 percent of normal with only the Sacramento River exceeding 50 percent of normal for the month. Water year runoff has averaged 45 percent of normal in the Central Valley and is not expected to exceed 50 percent of normal for this water year, except on the North Coast.

Reservoir storage was 85 percent of normal on May 1 in the 143 reservoirs monitored. In the Central Valley, storage on May 1 was 16,600,000 acre-feet (20.5 x 109 cubic meters), same as on April 1, but down 3,800,000 acre-feet (4.7 x  $10^9$  cubic meters) from last year. Both the State Water Project and the Central Valley Project are expected to meet contractual commitments this year.

### ALASKA

Breakup in interior Alaska occurred a week to ten days earlier than normal. This is the result of scant additional moisture falling during April on an already lean snowpack coupled with warmer than usual temperatures.

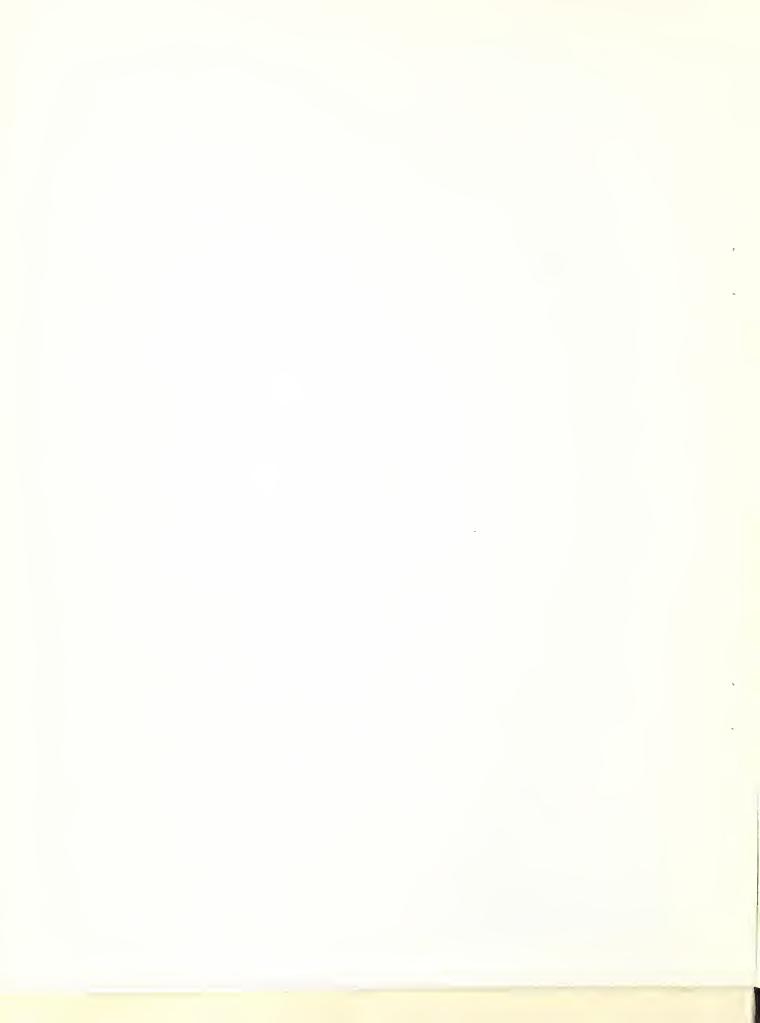
Snowpack conditions vary from a low of about 30 percent of normal May 1 amounts on the Chena River to 50 percent above average in southeastern Alaska. The Copper Basin has about one-half its usual amount while the upper Susitna has three-fourths its normal. Anchorage area watersheds are in the range of 85 to 120 percent of average.

Streamflow forecasts through July have been revised downward. The Chena and Salcha Rivers are now expected to run 36 and 40 percent below normal respectively. This, however, is not quite as low as the recent low flow years of 1969, 1970, and 1974.

South coastal areas received near to a little above normal precipitation for April. The winter's snowpack in these regions remains above average. Ship Creek near Anchorage is expected to flow 5 percent above average through July.

Southeast Alaska watersheds are still burdened with extremely heavy snowpacks. Some areas are the heaviest for the twelve year period of record.





### EXPLANATION of STREAMFLOW FORECASTS

All flows are observed flows except as adjusted for: 1/Storage change in Lake Sherburne. 2/Storage change in Lima and Clark Canyon reservoirs. 3/Storage change in Hebgen Lake. 4/Storage change in Gibson Reservoir and measured diversions. 5/Storage change in Two Medicine, Four Horns, Lake Francis and Swift reservoirs. 6/Storage change in Canyon Ferry and Tiber reservoirs. 7/Changes as indicated in (6/), (8/), plus storage change in Fort Peck. 8/Storage change in Boysen, Buffalo Bill, Bull Lake and Yellowtail reservoirs. 9/Storage change in Buffalo Bill Reservoir plus Heart Mountain diversion. 10/Storage change in Pilot Butte and Bull Lake reservoirs plus Wyoming canal diversion.

11/ Changes indicated in (10/) plus storage change in Boysen Reservoir. 12/ Plus diversions to Cache LaPoudre. 13/ Plus by-pass to power plants. 14/ Minus diversion thru Gumlick Tunnel. 15/ Storage change in Price Reservoir. 16/ Minus diversions from North Platte, Laramie and Colorado rivers plus measured diversions above station. 17/ Storage change in Clear Creek, Twin Lakes and Turquoise reservoirs minus diversions from Colorado River. 18/ Storage change in Rio Grande, Santa Maria and Continental reservoirs. 19/ Storage change in El Vado and Abiquiu reservoirs. 20/ Storage change in Platoro Reservoir.

21/ Storage change in Grandby Reservoir as furnished by U.S.B.R. plus diversions by Adams Tunnel and Grand River Ditch. 22/ Changes as indicated in (21/) plus diversions thru Roberts, Gumlick and Moffat tunnels and storage change in Dillon, Homestake, Williams Fork, Green Mountain and Willow Creek reservoirs. 23/ Changes indicated in (22/) and (26/). 24/ Storage change in Blue Mesa Reservoir. 25/ Changes indicated in (24/), (30/) and (35/) and storage change in Lake Powell. 26/ Diversions to Arkansas River plus storage change in Ruedi Reservoir. 27/ (Inflow record as computed by U. S. Bureau of Reclamation.) 28/ Storage change in Taylor, 8/ Blue Mesa and Morrow Point reservoirs. 29/ Storage change in Fontenelle Reservoir. 30/ Storage change in Flaming Gorge Reservoir.

31/ Plus diversion through Duchesne Tunnel. 32/ Storage change in Moon Lake Reservoir. 33/ Storage change in Scofield Reservoir. 34/ Storage change in Joe's Valley Reservoir. 35/ Storage change in Navajo Reservoir. 36/ Plus U. P. & L. Co. tailrace and Logan, Hyde Park and Smithfield canals. 37/ Minus diversions thru Duchesne Tunnel and Weber-Provo Canal. 38/ Storage change in Lake Tahoe and Boca reservoirs (Forecast by Truckee Basin Committee.) 39/ Storage change in Bridgeport Reservoir. 40/ Corrected for major upstream impairments --represents simulated natural flow conditions.

41/ Storage change in Priest Lake. 42/ Storage change in Coeur d'Alene Lake and diversions by Spokane Valley Farms Co. and Rathrum Prairie canals. 43/ Storage change in Lake Chelan. 44/ Storage change in Jackson Lake. 45/ Storage change in Jackson Lake and Palisade reservoirs. 46/ Storage change in Jackson Lake, Palisades, Island Park, Henry's Lake, Grassy Lake plus diversions between Heise and Blückfoot. 47/ Storage change in Henry's Lake and Island Park reservoirs. 48/ Storage change in MacKay Reservoir and diversion in Sharp Ditch. 49/ Combined flow Big Wood near Bellevue and Camas Creek near Blaine. 50/ Storage change in Arrowrock, Anderson Ranch and Lucky Peak reservoirs.

51/ Storage change in Wild Horse Reservoir. 52/ Storage change in Cascade and Deadwood reservoirs. 53/ Storage change in Keechelus, Kachess and CleElum reservoirs plus diversion by Kittitas Canal. 54/ Changes indicated in (52/) plus storage change in Bumping and Rimrock Lakes plus diversion by Roza, Union Gao, New Reservation, Old Reservation and Sunrise canals. 55/ Storage change in Bumping and Rimrock lakes and diversions by Tieton, Selah Valley, Wapatox canals and City of Yakima. 56/ Storage change in Merwin, Yale and Swift reservoirs. 57/ Storage change in Mayfield Reservoir.

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